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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: SECOND DAY OF WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH
SWAPO-MORNING SESSION

REF: USUN 2531

SUMMARY: DURING MORNING SESSION AUGUST 9, SWAPO MOVED AWAY
FROM POSITION OF YESTERDAY THAT WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN
TROOPS COULD TAKE PLACE AT SAME TIME AS UN-SPONSORED POLITICAL
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PROCESS IN TRANSITIONAL PERIOD BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. RETURNING
TO THEIR INITIAL PRESENTATION SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA SAID
SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WOULD HAVE TO BE TOTALLY WITHDRAWN
BEFORE SWAPO WOULD RISK TAKING ANY PART IN POLITICAL PROCESS.
END SUMMARY.

1. NUJOMA OUTLINED FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR UN TAKEOVER

OF NAMIBIA:

- (A) MEETING OF SWAPO, SAG, UN AND/OR WESTERN FIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK OUT TIMETABLE FOR TOTAL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL;
- (B) GENERAL CEASE-FIRE;
- (C) SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS DEPART OVER THREE MONTH PERIOD AND UN TROOPS TAKE THEIR PLACE;
- (D) UN TAKES FULL CONTROL OVER THE CIVIL AND MILITARY ADMINISTRATION OF NAMIBIA;
- (E) UN ORGANIZES FREE ELECTIONS TO CHOOSE NEW GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA.

2. SCENARIO IS LONG STEP BACK FROM APPARENT FLEXIBILITY DEMONSTRATED BY NUJOMA AUGUST 8, WHEN HE SEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED START OF POLITICAL PROCESS WHILE SOME SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WERE STILL ON NAMIBIAN SOIL. WHILE AGREEING THAT WITHDRAWAL MIGHT BE PHASED, NUJOMA REJECTED WESTERN FIVE ASSURANCES THAT ANY REMAINING SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS COULD BE NEUTRALIZED SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT UNHINDERED CAMPAIGNING AND FREE ELECTIONS. INDEED, HE SAID SWAPO WOULD NOT RISK TAKING PART IN POLITICAL PROCESS UNLESS AND UNTIL A MAJOR UN MILITARY FORCE HAD REMOVED ANY POSSIBILITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN INTERFERENCE OR RETALIATION.

3. PARENTHETICALLY, NUJOMA CLAIMED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM CERTAIN UNNAMED NON-ALIGNED STATES THAT THEY WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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BE PREPARED CONTRIBUTE TROOPS FOR SUCH A PEACEKEEPING FORCE.

4. COMMENT: CONCEIVABLY, NUJOMA MAY HAVE GONE FURTHER ON AUGUST 8 THAN SOME MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM WERE PREPARED TO GO, AND PULLED BACK TO MAINTAIN INTERNAL HARMONY. AT ANY RATE, HIS QUICK FALLBACK TO DEMAND FOR VIRTUAL SOUTH AFRICAN CAPITULATION IN BOTH CIVIL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF TRANSITION IS A REMINDER OF DISTANCE STILL TO BE TRAVELLED IN BUILDING CONFIDENCE ON ALL SIDES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED SEC VANCE.

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